GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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OPD/GENERAL WARD FOR GERIATRIC PATIENTS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any plan to create an exclusive OPD and general ward in Government Hospitals for geriatric patients;

(b) if so, whether the present infrastructure is sufficient to open exclusive OPDs for the elderly;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (d) The Government is examining the feasibility to open an exclusive OPD and general ward in Central Government Hospitals for geriatric patients. However, at present, the provision of separate counter for Geriatric patients to dispense the medicines and separate queue for availing consultation are in existence in Central Government Hospitals.